

TOP SECRET

DM-555

DEPUTIES' MEETING

27 March 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting),
Mr. Wisner, Colonel White, Mr. Sheldon (part of
meeting), Mr. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED]

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GENERAL CABELL:

Noted that AFOIN had run into difficulty with respect to the location of its new building in Maryland and had renewed its request to co-locate with CIA at our building site in Langley. Colonel White presented a number of reasons as to why this would not be desirable and after discussion it was agreed that we would strongly urge this activity to build in some other area. ACTION: DD/S.

MR. WISNER:

a. Referred to the President's announcement of the appointment of Don Quarles as Deputy Secretary of Defense and commented it would be highly desirable to do some missionary work with him regarding CIA activities before "others" had a chance to get to him. The Director said he knew Secretary Quarles well and would initially take this one on.

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COLONEL WHITE:

a. Raised the problem of whether CIA would furnish its own guard force at the new building or continue to have GSA do this on a reimbursable basis. He said he had discussed this with Colonel Edwards and representatives of GSA and as a

result both he and Colonel Edwards have reached the conclusion that, in order to prevent an increase in our T/O of at least 100, GSA should continue this activity. Colonel White noted GSA is willing to allow the members of the guard force to be polygraphed and to grant us authority to summarily fire any of the guards should we so desire. After some discussion, Colonel White's recommendation was approved.

b. Referred to the forthcoming exhibit by TSS of some of its gadgets and suggested that within the bounds of security we invite our cleared contacts in the Bureau of the Budget to view this exhibit, particularly since a good deal of our funds are expended in research and development. The Director approved.

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The Director agreed but made it clear we should go on record with Defense that we have certain types of equipment on hand which might be of use and which we could make available on request in accordance with b. above.

MR. DULLES:

a. Asked what we knew about the numerous reports of submarine sightings off the coast of the U. S. Mr. Sheldon commented that he had looked into this and that during 1956 there were 7 such sightings whereas to date during 1957 there had already been 7 probables which in Navy language is about as solid as can be made. He commented it was believed that these submarines are on normal training missions and in fact the U. S. follows the same practice.

b. Noted Secretary Murphy has suggested that even though a contract has been let to the Czechs to build a refinery in Syria, we might want to look into this proposition one more time. The Director commented that since [redacted] is now in that general area we might ask for his views.
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e. Noted a cable [redacted] proposing that [redacted] take a trip around the Middle East area and said he saw no objection to this and in fact thought it might be a good idea since it would give him an opportunity to get in touch with [redacted]
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